Do you love caring for children?

Have you dreamed about having your own business, or already started one?



This is the sign you've been waiting for!

Whether you already run a home-based child care program or you're just curious, we're here for you. We've got the free training, resources, and community connections you need to succeed. Learn about health and safety, child development, licensing, and more!

Call (650) 517-1446 or visit www.sanmateo4cs.org today!

DID YOU KNOW?

- Millions of California families with infants and toddlers need child care.
- Home-based child care providers keep communities strong by allowing parents to work.
- Many families want flexible options like early morning, evening, and weekend care.

We provide one-on-one and group support!

WHAT DO WE OFFER?

- Health and safety training
- Business and marketing strategies, to help you keep growing your program
- Child development training so you can provide the best care
- Start-up supports of up to \$1,000 in materials or reimbursements



Follow Your Dreams.

Since 1985, we have helped people just like you grow home-based child care businesses. Our community needs child care providers more than ever, and we're here to support you, every step of the way. Join an exciting industry and a statewide network of passionate child care professionals.

Frequently Asked Questions

Who is eligible to participate?

Anyone who's interested in becoming a child care provider can contact our office to learn more. Caregivers who want to become licensed providers as well as those who are already licensed and want to expand their business can join us. We also support providers who would prefer to keep their program small and not get licensed.

Why should I become involved?

Professional training helps you grow your home-based child care program and achieve your goals. Plus, you can connect with people like you, who understand the joys and challenges of running a home child care business. We're here to celebrate your successes and support you through tough times. Providers in our program usually stick with it, and grow thriving businesses.

Are there any requirements once I sign up?

There are different things that people who decide to participate in the program need to do, depending on their level of participation. For example, child care providers are considered Trainees after completing 25 hours of approved training, and Advanced Trainees after completing 45 hours of approved training.

Do I have to become licensed to participate?

You do not have to become licensed, although many of our participants decide that is a good choice for them.

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